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For: Methods for Reducing or Eliminating Post-Surgical Adhesion Formation

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 1996, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for reducing or preventing adhesions in a patient comprising exposing tissue which has been subjected to tissue damage and is at risk for the formation of adhesions to a polymeric composition comprising polymers which are chain-extended, [substantially non-crosslinked,] substantially non-water soluble poly(hydroxy-carboxylic acid)/poly(oxyalkylene) ABA triblocks, where A is an aliphatic polyester and B is a polyoxyalkylene polymer unit, said polymeric composition comprising no more than about 1.0% by weight crosslinking and having an EO/LA ratio ranging from about 0.5 to 5.0.

In claim 3, line 3, change "or" to --and--.

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